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## BUSINESS IN POOR HORSES

Animals Suffering With Spavin are Bought in New York for Use in Bridgeport.

A badly spavined horse was taken by State Humane Agent Gardner of New Haven in Water street, Saturday. The agent had Veterinary Surgeon W. J. Southey look the animal over and agreed that it was suffering badly. The animal was owned by a painter living in South street.

"The city is full of spavined and sick horses," said the agent. "It is not that the people who own and drive the animals want to be cruel, but because they do not know when an animal is suffering. These horses are driven by men who cannot afford a good horse and who are satisfied as long as the animal can crawl along with a light load."

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The concert given last night for the benefit of the Universalist Women's club at the Universalist church was well attended. It was preceded by a Lenten salad supper in the church parlors. Those who took part in the concert were John J. Fisher, baritone; Miss Jean Tuttle of New Haven, reader; Miss Louise Pfau and Mrs. A. E. Hayward, vocal duet; Miss Florence Upstatter, pianist; and Messrs. Platt and Sammis, violinists.

At the annual meeting of the Seaside Outing club held last evening at the Monastery, Seaside avenue, the following were chosen officers for the coming year: President, Attorney J. B. Klein, to succeed Harold Fish; vice-president, John C. Chamberlain; secretary, George F. Hadley; treasurer, Fred Atwater; for governors for two years, George Thorp, Harold Fish and Frank T. Staples; auditors, Fred B. Hawley and George E. Somers.

The eighteenth annual banquet and reunion of the High School society, Alpha Delta Sigma, was held at the Stratfield last evening. Delegates from the various chapters about the state were present and after the dinner reminiscences from members of the grade of eighteen years ago, to the society's babe, T. G. Hawley, were enjoyed.

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## PERSONAL AND PERTINENT

"I had a fine trip through the sunny South, but it is good to get home again just the same," said Frank Miller. "This is a typical Spring day, so fine and balmy," said E. B. Peck. "No frost for a week. Aren't the warm May days coming?" said Ed Nevins. "Nothing to it," said Fred Fallon. "Didn't you promise to be a good boy and make your mother?" said Dave Jack. And a little voice piped out, "I will."

"If you want to know what's all over town, ask Joe Wagoner," said Harry Neal. "My father is still in the South and will stay until the first of May. He writes that the temperature was 89 one day last week and has since been just about the same," said Fred Curtis. "We are determined to break up this crap-shooting evil among the youths of this city, if it takes all summer," said Supt. Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller are at home again after a several week's trip through the South to stay with their daughter, Muriel, who was threatened with typhoid fever. Ernie Lush left here yesterday for Niagara, where he will play on the college baseball team, as catcher. All the boys wish him the greatest success, and will watch his career with much interest.

The Antlers have an important meeting this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in Concordia hall, 139 State street. If more of our women have the courage to refuse to wear the unbecoming hats, now seen in the millinery shops, fewer frights would be met on the streets. Mrs. E. B. Peck, of New York, and other notable Americans abroad, positively refused even to try on, hats resembling inverted peach-baskets, or outlandish Costly hats, when visiting the Paris shops, for their Spring headgear. "I should look like a fright if I wore one," said Mrs. Fish. "And I've no intention of doing so."

The decision of Mrs. Fish, is acquiesced in by all American women in Paris and smart French devotees of fashion, who refuse to take the advice of the milliner and convert themselves into ugly frights. The French shops have stacks of these undesirable hats on hand, but they are taking comfort from the fact, that the whole lot will probably be sold to American buyers, and they will finally be dumped into American stores, where women will eagerly pick them up as "bargains" at 75 or 90 cents each, flatter themselves that they have the very latest Paris creation.

Mr. Max Stein walked into the third precinct station, shortly after two o'clock this morning, and announced that some bold stranger had invaded his premises, taken off coat and hat, and come to sleep under his bedroom window. Two officers accompanied Max to his home on Norman street, and there found the early prowler enjoying the sleep of the (un) just. The man was rudely awakened, and hustled off to the comfort of a pine board in the station house and will probably face a charge of "drunk" in the City court, this morning.

The ice dealers are serving their customers with the Spring schedule of prices. An advance of ten cents per hundred on all deliveries is noticed. No 5 cent pieces are to be sold, and no Sunday delivery.

Dr. J. E. Haid is one of the latest recruits for the Automobile Club. He has under consideration the purchase of a fine new car, and spends his spare time in trial trips in the different makes.

Foley's Honey and Tar is a safeguard against serious results from spring colds, which inflame the lungs and develop into pneumonia. Avoid counterfeits by insisting upon having the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar, which contains no harmful drugs. F. B. Brill, local agent.

The funeral of Elizabeth, wife of Henry Jacoby, was held yesterday morning from her late home, Wade street, at 8:30 o'clock and from St. Joseph's church at 9, where Rev. Hubert Driess sang a high mass of requiem. The choir rendered a number of songs, including "Ave Maria" by Joseph Weller. The bearers were August Evers, Philip Rorig, Frank Schmitt, August Henniger, August Madehelm and Frank Casper. Interment was in St. Michael's cemetery.

## Why the Menu Was Changed.

The culinary department of an East Indian household, if the story of an American traveler who has recently returned from Calcutta is to be believed, is managed far differently from an American kitchen. "Here we employ an Ethiopian expert at so much a week," says the Philadelphia Record. "There a cook would disdain to place a weekly valuation on his services. His conditions involve a fat rate of so many shillings weekly for the furnishing and preparation of provisions. This system of putting the culinary department out to contract causes a penuriousness on the part of the chef which frequently is not for the best health and welfare of the household. Shortly before last Christmas the above named American tourist had ordered his cook to have steak for dinner. Broiled chicken was served instead. Pressed for his reasons for disregarding the command of the head of the household, the cook explained that the chicken had taken sick and if it had not been killed and served that day he was afraid he would have lost it."

Conscientious Bill. "Bill had charge of the animal tent," said the old circus man, "and among his pets was a leopard, the only one we had with the show, and quite enough too. This leopard gave Bill more trouble than all the rest of the menagerie put together. It was certainly an ugly brute."

"Well, one day when we were showing in the Midlands I had come up to London to arrange about some advance business. I was eating my dinner in the hotel when a telegram was handed to me. It was from Bill and read: 'The leopard has escaped. Frowning about town. What shall I do?' 'That was just like Bill. He had to have explicit directions, even in an emergency like this. He didn't want to make a mistake.'

"I immediately wired back to Bill, 'Shoot him on the spot.' I didn't think any more about it until a couple of hours later, when I received another telegram from conscientious, careful Bill, asking, 'Which spot?'

Relative Hardness of Precious Stones. The relative hardness of various stones is easily determined by testing the power of one stone to make scratches on another. If a diamond is rubbed with one of the points of a topaz, the topaz point is blunted and the mark which will be seen on the face of the diamond is only the dust of the topaz, which can be brushed off with the finger. But if the topaz is rubbed against the diamond the latter is unaltered and the surface of the former is marked with a scratch which can be removed only by further polishing down. It is on the basis of this process of comparison that a scale of comparative hardness has been formed represented by ten substances, of which diamond is the highest and graphite the lowest in the scale. It is a curious fact that these two extremes of the scale, the brilliant and hard diamond and soft black graphite, are both chemically the same substance—pure carbon.—Jewelers' Circular.

Butchery in War. In one of Du Guesclin's victories so many English were taken captive that even the humblest soldier among the French had one or more prisoners. The victors, however, fell to quarreling, and, ill feeling becoming rife in the French army in consequence of these quarrels over the prisoners, Du Guesclin ordered all the captives to be butchered, and the brutal order was carried out.

How She Knew. Mr. McBoeh—What was it that made you think I'd been drinking last night? Mrs. McBoeh—Oh, I don't know. I suppose the fact that you were fearfully drunk had as much to do with it as anything.—Cleveland Leader.

Advancing. "Is your daughter going to make her debut this season, Mrs. Parvovus?" "No, indeed! Mrs. Pakh attends to all that. We don't have to do our own sewing no more."—Baltimore American.

How Some Mutes Marry. Statistics compiled by authorities on the condition of the deaf and dumb in this country present one startling fact in regard to the matrimonial affairs of that body of citizens. It is revealed thereby that while many women deprived of the power of speech have been sought in marriage by men whose five senses were unimpaired only a few women whose tongues were in good working order have consented to tie themselves to men who could not hear what was being said. Cynics find in these revelations matter for many caustic diatribes pertaining to the conversational and listening powers of the sexes. Whether or not these observations contain an explanation of the comparative willingness and unwillingness of men and women to marry, mates is a question, but the fact remains.

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### Childless Men and Women.

There are parts of the world where girl babies are drowned like superfluous kittens and others in which it is not uncommon for the daughters in the large families of the poor to be sold by their parents into lives of prostitution. On the other hand, the pages of history are filled with examples of the devoted lives of childless men and women who have worked unselfishly for the good of their kind. Bachelors and virgins have been the saints of the world, and the childless are the philanthropists, the founders of colleges, hospitals, art collections and libraries, the philosophers, the great writers, leaders and thinkers of the race. Plato, Joan of Arc, Savonarola, George Washington, David Hume, Locke, Spinoza, Thomas Carlyle, Florence Nightingale, Ruskin and Herbert Spencer are only a few of the great names in this class. An interesting volume could be written on the indebtedness of the world to childless men and women.—New York Medical Journal.

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